

Scattering features for multimodal gait recognition

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Introduction

Identification is a core component in many applications:

- Recommender systems,
- Online banking and commerce,
- Surveillance,
- Gaming,
- Administration etc.



Different biometrics: fingerprint, face, speech, retinal scan, *gait (this work)*...

Each comes with advantages and drawbacks, e.g. accuracy or intrusiveness.

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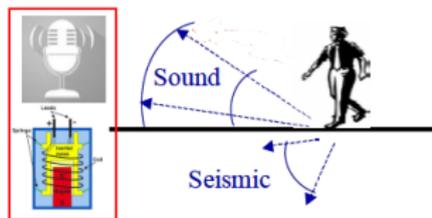
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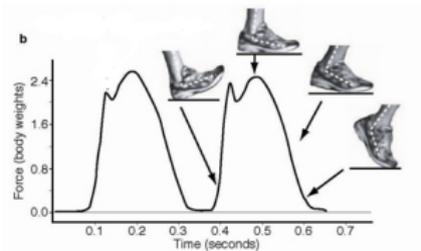
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 - Surprisingly simple - stay tuned.

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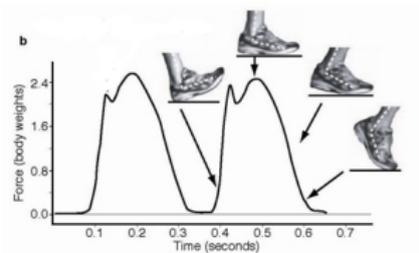
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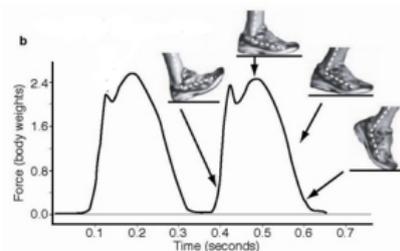
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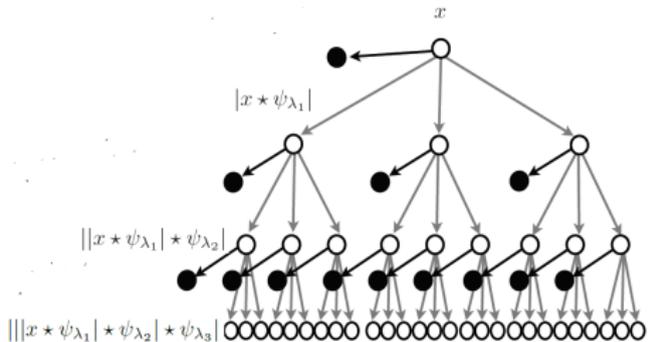
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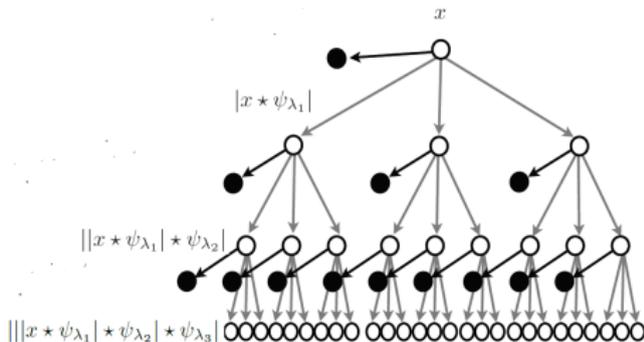
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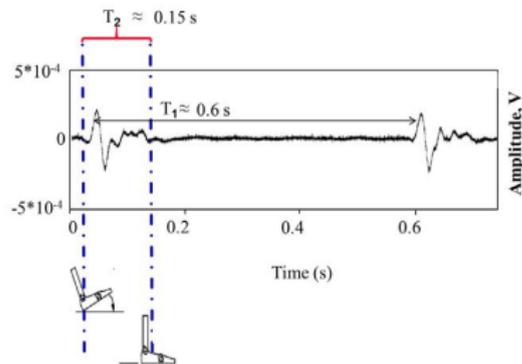
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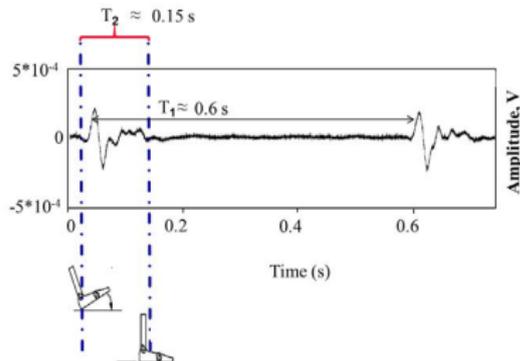
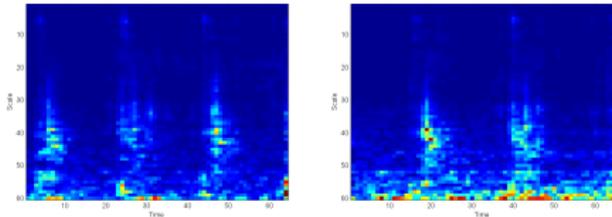
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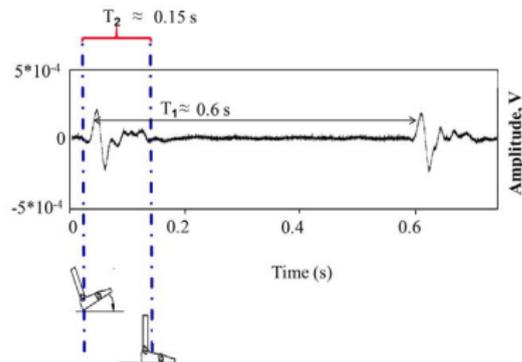
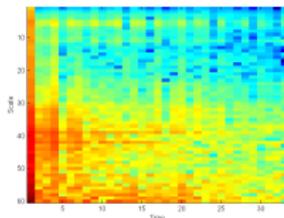
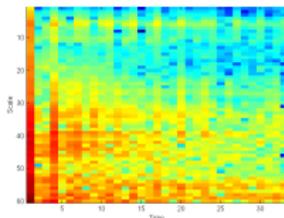
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Remedy - compute Fourier modulus across rows (time).

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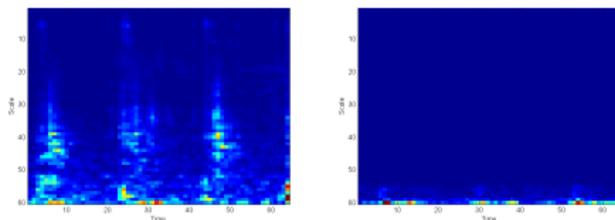
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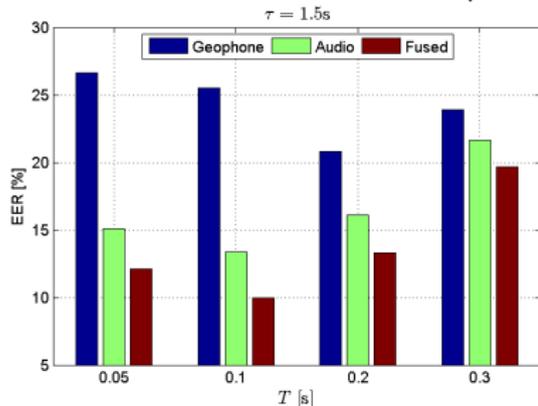
- Data collected internally, on a prototype dual sensor setup.
- 12 participants (8m and 4f), up to two types of shoes per person.
- (Low noise) recordings in a carpet-covered room, on 3 different days².
- 6 persons randomly chosen for training the UBM.
- From the remaining, randomly chosen 3 targets and 3 unknowns.
- Hyperparameters: τ , T , N (the number of retained coefficients after PCA).



²To avoid environmental effects: 2 days for training, 3rd day for evaluation.

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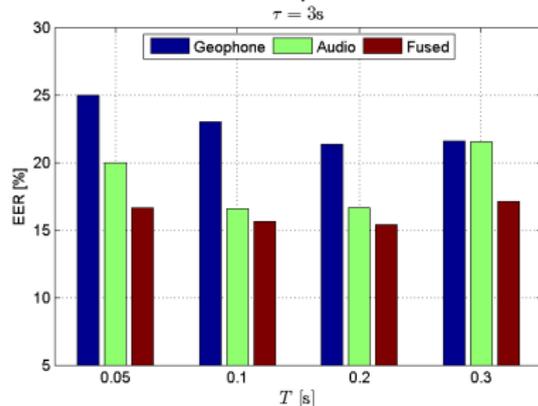
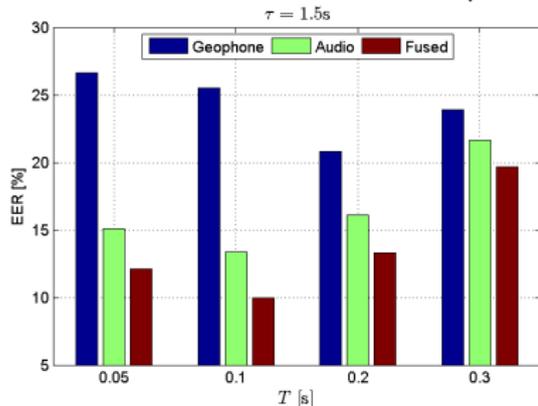
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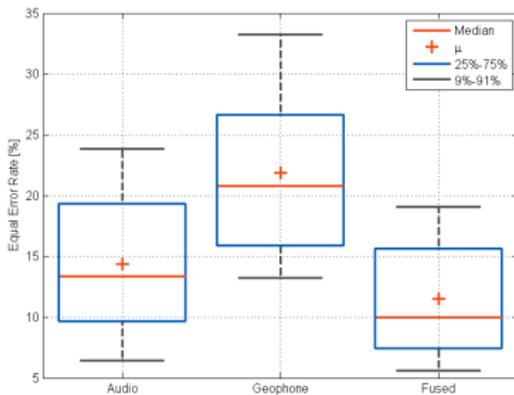
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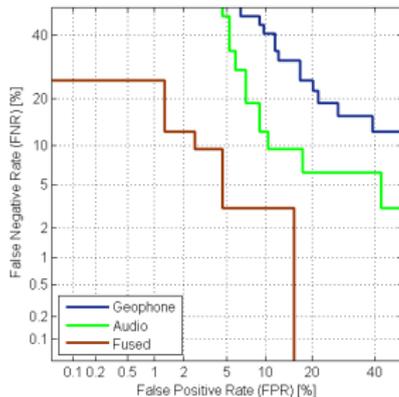


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Best setting for each modality



Typical DET curves

Classification with fused features:

- exhibits the smallest variance,
- is the most robust wrt parameterization.

Summary

Bimodal gait-based identification wrap-up:

- Confirmed identification by both sound and seismic observations.
- Performance gradation: fused > sound > seismic.
- Further research directions:
 - Recognition in noisy conditions and using cheap MEMS sensors.
 - “Walker diarization”?
 - Relevance of the shoe type, gender and/or environment.
 - A better way to fuse / extract features (new datasets), etc.



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